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Dear Manny:

First let me apologize for the astringent phone call of last week. Second, I surrender on the meaning of the word "demonstration"--a dictionary consultation convinced me of my error.

Soon to follow are my comments on each of the "Findings and Recommendations" you sent last week. The comments, in aggregate, are meant to support the major conclusions I would make. These are:

- (a) R investigations thus far have neither proved nor disproved the phenomenon;
- (b) The results of R experiments do indicate that the purported phenomenon warrants further scientific investigation;
- (c) The results of R experiments warrant military trials of this phenomenon.
- (d) Further Random Number Generator experiments to scientifically prove P are unlikely to do so;
- (e) The R and P investigators are conducting honest experiments, but these experiments need additional rigor;
- (f) Management commitment and review of R efforts at S, F and A have been too tentative to provide adequate supervision of such efforts.
- (g) Diffusion of DoD sponsorship of R projects has inhibited progress.

I think we need an opportunity for each committee member to present his conclusions and rationale to the others. Subsequent discussion, I think, will result in a set of conclusions to which we can all subscribe. It is not mandatory that we meet to accomplish such an exchange of assessments, although such a meeting would be more expeditious. Perhaps we could all

exchange written conclusions and rationales, with differences discussed with one another without assembly of the whole group. Whatever means you elect for further group discussions I believe would be welcome by all committee members since we are all interested in a thorough ventilation of our not-too-disparate opinions. Whatever difficulties are presented to you by further delay in reporting out the committee's conclusions can perhaps be shared by your committee members. I, for one, wish to help in assuming that burden in whatever way possible.

In any case, I think your committee has assembled, in aggregate, sufficient facts and analyses to provide an objective and valuable consensus to DoD management.

Sincerely,


Frank